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Interclass Debate.

The annual debate between the Juniors and Seniors has at last been arranged for and will take place on Tuesday night, March 19, at 7:30. It will be in the chapel as usual. Prof. White will preside and the judges will be Dr. Squires, Dr. Wood, and Dr. Davenport. The Seniors who will debate are Allen, Gilbert, Libbey, and Scoon; those representing the Junior class are Anibal, Bate, Watson and Williams. The speakers will be allowed seven minutes on their first appearance and five minutes in rebuttal. The question that will be considered is that of direct legislation, certainly an interesting one in view of the late developments. The exact wording of the subject is as follows: That the system of direct legislation by the people in regard to matters of Federal and State import should be universally adopted in the United States; this will include the referendum, initiative and recall. This question has been talked about a good deal; in several of the states some form of direct legislation has been adopted already and it has been considered in many more. One of the objects of a debating course in college is to get men to think about matters of current import; of course this is not the primary object, but if you regard college as a school for citizenship, a debating course where subjects that are before the nation are considered is certainly of no mean importance.

The present question has already entered the field whereon the national combats are fought as several Congressmen have been pledged to its support. This interclass debate therefore ought to be instructive and interesting. Owing to miscarriage of arrangements, there will be no intercollegiate debate

this year, so the Junior-Senior debate will be the only public debate till June.

1903 Reunion.

Again this year 1903 has had a reunion of her members in and about New York City. The early part of the evening was spent with Marceline at the Hippodrome. Later we dignified a long table in Burns', across the street, till we just had to break away.

Those present were Blakely, Burgess, Child, DeVotie, Durkee, Grant, Harkness, Miller, Mills and Youker. Four others living in the city were unavoidably absent, Harper, Huff, LeMunyan and Root.

Wrestling Tournament.

Next Wednesday the first wrestling tournament ever held in this college will take place. The tournament will be interclass and each class will enter a team of four men. This will consist of a heavy-weight, over 158 pounds, a middle-weight, between 158 and 135 pounds, a light-weight, under 135 pounds. As there is a long stretch between the middle-weight and light-weight limit, there will probably be a welter-weight, between 145 and 135 pounds. For the champions at these weights there will be gold medals as prizes and for the class winning the most bouts there will be a championship banner. The wrestling mat, given by the Freshman class, will be used in this tournament. Manager Rood and Assistant Manager McCarthy will have charge of this tournament and probably Prof. E. J. Ward will officiate. It is thru his active encouragement and interest that this tournament was started and this itself is an assurance of success.

The Colgate Game.

The last basket-ball game of the season was played on our court Monday evening, March 4th. The result was a victory for Colgate by the score of 32 to 18. Captain Kuolt was unable to play in this game on account of illness, and tho Conklin played a good game, the team was badly crippled by the absence of the captain. It was from lack of team work, especially, that we suffered. The game was a rough one from start to finish.

Colgate fouled repeatedly without being penalized for it, while Hamilton suffered for her fouls. Still Colgate beat us, and we can stand it.

At 7:30 the Gym. was comfortably filled and when the game was called at 8:25 every available inch of room was taken. By far the largest crowd of the season attended this game. A crowd of Colgate rooters came up to see the game, and thruout the struggle enthusiasm was at the high water mark.

Colgate had the north goal for the first half and Risley threw the first basket, then Colgate scored two points more on fouls. The Colgate men lost their opponents continually and gave a fine exhibition of passing and team work.

For Hamilton Welch threw the first basket. Smith then scored on a foul after which Colgate threw four baskets in rapid succession. During the last of this half our men were slow in passing and failed to make good their trials for baskets. The half ended in Colgate's favor 21 to 5.

In the second half Hamilton played a much faster and surer game. The first score was made by Sherwin and then Welch added a sensational and difficult basket to the tally. Moore followed with another. Right here it looked as

tho the old Hamilton brace might repeat the old, old story; but the rest of the game was too hardly contested by the Colgate five to allow us to make up the lead gained in the first half, and the game ended in our defeat. In this last half the honors rested with the Buff and Blue, we having 13 points to Colgate's 11.

For each man we can say he did his best. Smith captained the team well and played to a finish. Sherwin held his man much better than in the previous game. In fact the team played their best and lost.

The summary of the game:

Hamilton 18. Colgate 32.

	Right guard.	
Conklin.		Risley.
	Left guard.	
Welch.		Stowell.
	Center.	
Sherwin.		Knapp.
	Right forward.	
Hopkins.		Caster.
	Left forward.	
Smith.		Whelan.

Goals—Welch 2, Moore 2, Conklin 1, Sherwin 1, Knapp 3, Stowell 5, Risley 2, Caster 1, Whelan 1.

Fouls—Smith 6, Knapp 8.

Referee—Roberts, '07, Colgate.

Umpire—Gordon, '07, Hamilton.

Time-keepers—Houseman, '08, Colgate; White, '08, Hamilton.

Dinner of Washington Alumni.

Last week Wednesday evening the Hamilton College Association of Washington held its annual dinner at the Hotel Corcoran. Prof. Davenport was the guest of honor and spoke for the college. He said that after dinner speaking is a relic of barbarism, something handed down from the time when men did not know that the blood was needed in the stomach after dinner and should not be called on to do duty in the head. He brought home to Hamilton men the point that their ideal for their alma mater should be to inspire and train her boys to leadership, not to the democracy which means leveling. He holds to the idea that democracy is possible only because of the instinct in

the great mass of the people to discriminate clearly, in the long run, between what is good and what is bad, and of the desire on their part to choose the good. From the great mass are bound to emerge men who will typify the good or the evil. It is the business of the small college to train its boys to think clearly and see far, and feel broadly toward all their kind, so that they may become leaders of broad sympathies, but with clearly defined ideals and policies. Hamilton is doing that.

He then told about affairs up on the Hill; that President Stryker is about to take his first vacation in years; that "Square" Root is ill; that new South is almost ready for use. "But about the boys on the Hill, and I almost forgot this. I am telling it for the benefit of some parents that may have a boy or boys about to go to college. The students on the Hill are living lives that exemplify the trinity of high morals, good health and intellectual growth. Pretty good place for a boy!"

Secretary of State Elihu Root spoke next. "You can not raise a strong and virile people with paving stones between them and mother earth, and it was with deep thankfulness and real joy that I sent my sons away from the crowded city to spend the four years of their college life among the hills of old Oneida. Be he ever so great an architect, no man can build a cathedral without stone; be he the greatest of generals, he can not win battles with faint-hearted soldiers; be he the greatest of statesmen, no man in our Republic can be great in government unless he has the backing of the great mass of the people. And the men who make the popular will are not those known to fame or in high political places. They are the doctors making their daily rounds along country roads, the lawyers who counsel in town meetings, the ministers in country pulpits, the teachers in village schools. These are the real molders of the public mind, these the leaders of the people; and men in more conspicuous positions merely do their will. Such leaders as these Hamilton has nurtured and it should be her highest aim to continue this great work in the nation's service."

When he suggested dignity of service, Prof. Davenport seems to have set a general text, for Hon. James S. Sherman swung into it, just as Secretary Root had done. But Mr. Sherman suggested its personification in Prof. Oren Root, (Square Root). Is their a state in the Union where the influence of "Square" Root is not felt thru some of the boys to whom he taught the lesson of "stick-at-it" under the guise of a proposition in analytics? Mr. Sherman thinks not and every Hamilton man stands pat with him on that proposition.

"Take back to him, sir, in his sick bed on the hill, the love of every Hamilton man," he admonished Dr. Davenport. Is it necessary that Prof. Root be told that? No, love isn't a necessity; but its one of the luxuries of which we never surfeit; so the Hamilton boys in Washington sent all that Dr. Davenport could carry, and saluted it departure with a hearty Hamilton yell for "Square."

Superintendent of Public Instruction in New York State, Andrew S. Draper, was present as the guest of Director of the Census, S. N. D. North. He is a Hamilton man by adoption only, and told some of the things that outsiders think about the college. The pith of his short speech was a forecast of collegiate and professional education a quarter century hence.

A. L. Blair, of Brooklyn, class of '72, made some acceptable remarks. The toastmaster, President James F. Tufts, also of '72, kept things moving right along. The officers elected were: Jas. S. Sherman, '78, president; R. W. Stone, '99, secretary; J. R. Baker, '93, treasurer; Charles W. Skinner, D. D., '81, and Benjamin Johnson, vice-presidents; W. J. Quinn, '01, T. D. Beckwith, '04, and A. R. Serven, '87, executive committee.

The Philadelphia College of Physicians has received \$100,000 from Andrew Carnegie to build a dormitory and library.

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FOR MANY AND GOOD REASONS we regret that the lecture course, given by different members of the faculty this term, is over. Every lecture has been interesting, as the close attention given the speakers attests. More than that, they have all been of high educational value. The college has enjoyed an exceptional privilege in having an opportunity to hear such a course of lectures at so reasonable a price. We can scarcely appreciate the work that it has all entailed, both on the part of the lecturers and those arranging for the stereopticon views. It is reported that the course has been a success from a financial standpoint and that a considerable sum will be turned over to the Athletic Association. This is most welcome news and argues strongly for another series of lectures next winter term. Of course the financial side is purely secondary, the educational benefits being of prime importance. But it all helps and we vote the lecture course a grand success.

WE WONDER IF MODERN MAN has ever entertained the thought that Senior week would be a possible success without a ball. It is our opinion that this question offers some meat for debate. There is no small amount of work and expense connected with Senior ball. We do not fear the work, if it can be made evident to us that an equal amount of benefit, or say pleasure, is to be derived. It is always exceedingly warm, too warm for the average person to get any pleasure out of dancing. Most everyone prefers to wander about the Campus and enjoy the June evening without so much physical effort. The committee works and worries, the different crowds hustle around to put up their booths, and then half of the fellows, out of a sense of duty, pay their money to work all night and at six o'clock the next morning force a smile with some remarks as to what a good time it has all been. It costs about five hundred dollars and lasts about eight hours. It calls for a lot of disagreeable work on the part of the majority of men in college. For the average man it is work from start to finish. Is it worth while? Could not some sort of a campus fete be substituted that would be less exhaustive of pocket and energy, and a greater source of pleasure?

WE HAVE THE BUILDINGS; we have the general equipment. Now what we want is more men. This fact seems to be appreciated by most all Hamilton men. It was strongly emphasized by the alumni who were with us last Commencement; it has been urged by the alumni at the various Hamilton banquets of the past year. They have highly commended the present administration for its wonderful success in the line of new buildings. And this commendation has surely been merited. But most all have pointed out the absence of a corresponding growth in the number of undergraduates. Hamilton College has been built up for use. It has done great service to many in the past; but it ought to do greater service to more in the future. We want three or four hundred men on this Hill inside of five years. And it is as possible as it is desirable. All

that is needed is a strong and united effort on the part of all Hamilton alumni, undergraduates and faculty. Suppose we all directed our energy toward getting a class of one hundred men to enter here next fall. Could it not be done? Most assuredly it could. Talk about being back on the farm and too far removed for most men, when we are right in the center of civilization, right in the center of the greatest and most densely populated state in the Union. Dartmouth College induces a thousand men to isolate themselves for four years in the woods of the state of New Hampshire, where the railway service is uncertain and the trolley car unknown. It is just because the alumni and those at the helm get out and hustle for Dartmouth College. They realize that there is some competition and that Freshman harvesting is business. The preparatory schools are putting so many men on the market every year for the colleges to bid on and the highest bidder gets something. We ought to bid a little oftener and a little higher. In other words, we ought to exert ourselves slightly in this matter of getting more men. Of course it is fine to have the reputation of being conservative; but it will avail nothing to let conservatism smother us. We can well afford to lower the bars a bit and even help some desirable men over.

Undergraduates can render Hamilton splendid service by taking an interest in this matter. Most every one of us has influence with some men who intend to enter college next fall and we owe it to Hamilton to use that influence to turn them this way. The coming vacation offers an excellent time to do some good work. Let's join forces with the alumni and accomplish something.

Bullard Will Not Lecture.

Owing to an unexpected call to Chicago Mr. Bullard, '03, will be unable to give the lecture on Russia mentioned in last week's LIFE; but it is hoped that such a lecture may be arranged for next term. A more definite announcement will doubtless be made in a few weeks.

Florence, by Prof. Shepard.

The last lecture in the series on travel was given on Wednesday evening. The subject was Florence, the old city, from the thirteenth to the sixteenth century.

As the history of a city or state is the story of its great men, so in talking of Florence, the story of her great men and their achievements will be given, as well as the chief and important events. These will be divided into three periods, the early period, the middle period and the late period, each of them about a century in length.

The beginnings of Florence were back where the history of Italy began. It was founded by Tuscans, taken by Rome and named Florentia and finally became a sovereign state. In her statehood, Florence tried every form of government, but all of them were in part, at least, democratic. When the city began to crystallize into a sovereign state the powerful lords moved into her limits. Then guilds sprang up, combinations of the different tradesmen. These were continually at war among themselves, and finally the power of the nobles was overthrown and the towers of their fortresses were razed.

In the politics of the old city there existed the same corrupt methods as today. The Florentine republic, governed by a foreigner, was, however, the originator of the means of corrupting elections which Tammany Hall used a few years ago. Stuffing ballot boxes, buying votes, intimidating voters, bribery, graft—all were here, for "there is no new thing under the sun."

Foremost among the rulers of Florence stand the Medici. Under their rule the republic grew and became famous as a center of culture. Painting, literature, sculpture and architecture flourished as never before.

Among the men who have made Florence immortal are Dante, Michael Angelo, Savonarola, and Leonardo, who typify literature, sculpture, religion and painting. The palaces of the nobles, those of the priors or the governors of Florence, the churches and cathedrals are characteristic. In their

structure the blending of the different colored marbles, the magnificent bas-relief bronze doors, and the mural decorations are the works of masters. In honor of the Medici there are two groups by Michael Angelo, which were shown, giving but a part of the beauty. A picture of spring was shown, which is said to be the most beautiful picture in the world. Other slides were shown illustrating the lecture, including some of the birthplace of Savonarola, his cell, and several statues of him.

The cathedrals of Florence are very old, that of St. John dating back to the second or third century. Here it was that Dante wished to return and receive the crown of poetry, but his city, harsh and unresponsive, drove him away. St. John's cathedral is a very beautiful and striking example of early Christian architecture. Slides of the cathedral close by and its bell tower, the fortified palaces and their interiors, formed a most interesting background for the lecture, which will be remembered by all who heard it as one of the best ever given on the Hill.

The Basket-Ball Summary.

The basket-ball season has closed. We have played fifteen games and won seven. We have scored 373 points against our opponents' 409. Although we have not won a majority of the games, the team has been a success. We have played strong teams, some of the best in the country. The fastest games of the season were played with Princeton, Syracuse, Williams and Colgate. The eastern trip was a success, and by defeating Union on her own floor in the last game of a long trip the team showed its mettle. A number of new men have come to the front in the game. Kuolt, Smith and Moore were the only men of last year's team. Sherwin has played a hard steady game. Welch has been somewhat erratic. He can play a very fast game and demonstrated his ability to do so in the Rochester, Princeton and Union games. He has a wonderful eye for the basket and passes well. Hopkins has played a good "cover" guard. Conklin, a dark horse until the close of the season, played well on the eastern trip and in

the Colgate game. Bate has played a good steady game in practice all the season, altho he got into but three 'varsity games.

N. Y. S. I. A. U. Meeting.

The New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Union held its spring meeting at the office of Sholes, Foley & Foley, Utica, last Saturday. Those in attendance were: E. C. Huntington and R. M. Sherman of Colgate University, S. Riegel and A. J. Foley of Hobart College, G. T. Sullivan and Charles Hoeing of Rochester University, H. J. Cookinham, jr., and J. D. Henderson of Hamilton College.

The principal matter considered was the question of the one-year rule, with reference to barring freshman from participating in the first ball games conducted under the regulations of the union. The matter was discussed at length, but no action was taken. It was the sense of the meeting, however, that the Freshmen shall not be excluded from the teams, as such exclusion would not be advisable in institutions of the size constituting this union.

The annual intercollegiate track meet will be held this year under the auspices of Colgate University. It has been customary to hold this event along about Memorial day, and the probability is that the custom will be observed this year. If the Utica Base Ball Park can be secured for May 30 it is likely that the meet will be held at that place and time, otherwise the event will probably take place on Colgate's athletic field.

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College Notes.

—Preparations are being made for the Freshmen Frolic.

—Dean Squires is acting President in the absence of Dr. Stryker.

—The first baseball game will be played at Syracuse, April 27th.

—Communion services were held in the chapel Sunday, Dr. Stryker presiding.

—The Sophomore class met this week and elected Thomas captain of wrestling.

—It is almost impossible to find a time when you can get in the college book store.

—The Senior English Lit. Club enjoyed the genial hospitality of Dr. Ibbotson Thursday evening.

—Among the additions to the baseball squad this week are: Hoyt, '07, McAneny, '10, Ondarcho, '10.

—Trippe, '07, who was injured on the Hill a week ago, is reported to be resting well in Faxton Hospital.

—We were very glad to notice that no one broke in the 12 o'clock division of noon chapel last Wednesday.

—The standing of the Freshman LIFE competition is as follows: Titus, Glover, McMath, Cross, Engs and Lloyd.

—The following are the class wrestling captains: Senior, Swetman; Junior, Cody; Sophomore, Thomas; Freshman, Abbott.

—The Freshman-Sophomore baseball game will be played early this year to give some idea of the material in the lower classes.

—All the Freshmen who expect to go out for the class track team are asked to hand their names to Renwick, '10, as soon as possible.

—The Freshman and Sophomore class basket-ball teams will play tonight at Hamilton against the Colgate Freshman and Sophomore teams.

—Glee Club will practice Monday at

7, Tuesday at 4. Leave Clinton Wednesday afternoon for Ilion. Concert in Ilion Wednesday evening.

—The Instrumental Clubs have resumed practice in preparation for the Easter trip and a leader will soon be elected to fill Trippe's place.

—Next week Gym. ends for the underclassmen for this year and "Uncle" goes to his home in Washington. LIFE wishes him a pleasant vacation.

—The final arrangements for most of the concerts to be given on the eastern trip of the Musical Clubs have been made and the trip is now a surety.

—Next Thursday night the Colgate Sophomores will play the Sophomores in the Gym. A guarantee has been given them and the fellows ought to turn out and support the game.

—It is expected that the Freshman track team this year will have three relay teams for one, two and four mile. The men are already working on the indoor track, and it is expected a good team will be developed.

—The following men have earned the "H" in basket-ball: Kuolt, Welch, Sherwin, Moore, Hopkins, Smith, Conklin. Schwartz and Wilson, not regulars this year, won the distinction last year. Henderson and Bate are also entitled to vote for captain.

—Baseball practice has been held regularly all this week. Capt. Brown has had the men at "bunting" practice every day, and the men are beginning to get into the swing of the work. Manager Holley will probably give out the season's schedule in the near future.

—It might be interesting to some to know that the Utica State League team this season will be managed by Dooley, a former captain of the Hamilton baseball team. Under his captaincy the 'Varsity was the most successful one in the history of the college. We wish him all the success possible.

—At a meeting held on Thursday Winthrop Huntington Kellogg, '08, of Vernon Center, was unanimously elected assistant manager of the *Lit.* to take the place of Dunwell, '08, who has resigned from college. Five others were out for the position. The posi-

tion of assistant manager from the class of 1909 is now open for competition. The election will take place at the end of next spring term.

—The class of 1910 held a meeting in Chapel Monday noon. Abbott was elected captain of wrestling and Lloyd manager of baseball. After a long discussion the motion was carried to allow those men to wear their class numerals who have played thru two whole basket-ball games or in parts of three games. The same rule will be applied to baseball this spring. The numerals for track will be awarded according to points.

Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Freece, a converted Mormon, who will occupy the pulpit in the morning, will speak in Silliman Hall at 4:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Freece is well recommended and is awaking great interest wherever he talks. At the afternoon service there will be an opportunity given to all to ask questions.

The Mission Study class is growing and quite an interest seems to be manifested in it. The course is a kind of seminar where two or three men report each meeting. The subject for next Sunday is South America. The class meets right after chapel in Silliman Hall.

At the last cabinet meeting, authority was given the President to appoint a committee to draw up a new Constitution for the Association. Dr. Squires, Dr. Wood, Weeks, Bate, and Scoon are the committee. It was also voted to establish a Hamilton College relief fund for the poor of New York City; \$20 from the systematic giving fund for this term will be taken and the alumni will be asked to subscribe. The fund will be sent to Mr. Bates, who will make a detailed report of the expenditure.

The annual meeting of the Association for the election of officers and other business will take place March 14, Thursday night, at 7 o'clock sharp. At this time there will be reports from all the officers and heads of departments.



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